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Applicants: BENAROUS et al
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 25, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 25, 2002 requiring an election among Groups 1 - 27, Applicants hereby elect **Group 1**, Claims 1 - 5, 7, 27, 31, 32 and 37 drawn to human β TrCP of SEQ ID NO:2.

The election is made with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that all of the inventions of Groups 1 - 27 are linked and relate to a single general inventive concept, the human β TrCP. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement as set forth in the Office Action of March 25, 2002 are respectfully requested.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit
overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135. (File No.
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Respectfully submitted,

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